

REMARKS

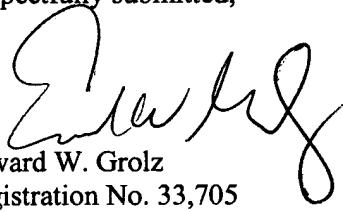
Upon careful and complete consideration of the Office Action dated March 1, 2005, applicants have amended the claims which, when considered in conjunction with the comments herein below, are deemed to place the present application into condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully solicited.

The Office Action indicated on page 6 thereof that the subject matter of claims 11 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the subject matter of claim 11 has been inserted into claim 9, the independent claim on which claim 11 was dependent. Claim 11 has therefore been canceled. Consequently, the subject matter of claim 11, identified by the Office Action as allowable subject matter, has been placed in an independent form, i.e. amended claim 9. Claims 1-8 have been canceled in order to expedite the prosecution of the subject application. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the canceled subject matter in this application. The remaining claims, i.e. claims 10 to 14, 16, 18 and 19 are all dependent upon claim 9 and therefore should also be found allowable as they contain all the features of amended claim 9, i.e. a claim that has been identified as being allowable.

Based on the amendments made to the claims as discussed above, the rejection of the claims issued in the present Office Action become moot and applicants respectfully request that they be withdrawn.

The above amendments and remarks establish the patentable nature of all the claims currently in this application. Notice of Allowance and passage to issue of these claims, Claims 9, 10, 12-14, 16, 18 and 19 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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